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DETAILED ACTION

1. The appeal brief filed on 7/6/2005 is defective because it does not comply with 37 CFR § 41.37 (c) for the following reasons.

(a) A review of the Appeal Brief indicates that it is filed using the format set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(c). However, CFR 1.192 was abolished on September 13, 2004 and replaced by 37 CFR 41.37(c). Accordingly, the Appeal Brief filed on July 6, 2005 does not comply with 37 CFR 41.37(c).

(b) The examiner has outlined requirements per 37 CFR 41.37(c) in terms of presentation of the Appeal Brief.

Per 37 CFR 41.37(c) the brief shall contain the following items under appropriate headings and in the order indicated in paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (c)(1)(x) of this section, except that a brief filed by an appellant who is not represented by a registered practitioner need only substantially comply with paragraphs (c)(1)(i) through (c)(1)(iv) and (c)(1)(vii) through (c)(1)(x) of this section:

(i) Real party in interest. A statement identifying by name the real party in interest.

(ii) Related appeals and interferences. A statement identifying by application, patent, appeal or interference number all other prior and pending appeals, interferences or judicial proceedings known to appellant, the appellant's legal representative, or assignee which may be related to, directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

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Copies of any decisions rendered by a court or the Board in any proceeding identified under this paragraph must be included in an appendix as required by paragraph (c)(1)(x) of this section.

(iii) *Status of claims.* A statement of the status of all the claims in the proceeding (e.g., rejected, allowed or confirmed, withdrawn, objected to, canceled) and an identification of those claims that are being appealed.

(iv) *Status of amendments.* A statement of the status of any amendment filed subsequent to final rejection.

(v) Summary of claimed subject matter. A concise explanation of the subject matter defined in each of the independent claims involved in the appeal, which shall refer to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters. For each independent claim involved in the appeal and for each dependent claim argued separately under the provisions of paragraph (c)(1)(vii) of this section, every means plus function and step plus function as permitted by 35 U.S.C. 112, sixth paragraph, must be identified and the structure, material, or acts described in the specification as corresponding to each claimed function must be set forth with reference to the specification by page and line number, and to the drawing, if any, by reference characters.

(vi) Grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal. A concise statement of each ground of rejection presented for review.

(vii) Argument. The contentions of appellant with respect to each ground of rejection presented for review in paragraph (c)(1)(vi) of this section, and the basis

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therefor, with citations of the statutes, regulations, authorities, and parts of the record relied on. Any arguments or authorities not included in the brief or a reply brief filed pursuant to 541.41 will be refused consideration by the Board, unless good cause is shown. Each ground of rejection must be treated under a separate heading. For each ground of rejection applying to two or more claims, the claims may be argued separately or as a group. When multiple claims subject to the same ground of rejection are argued as a group by appellant, the Board may select a single claim from the group of claims that are argued together to decide the appeal with respect to the group of claims as to the ground of rejection on the basis of the selected claim alone. Notwithstanding any other provision of this paragraph, the failure of appellant to separately argue claims which appellant has grouped together shall constitute a waiver of any argument that the Board must consider the patentability of any grouped claim separately. Any claim argued separately should be placed under a subheading identifying the claim by number. Claims argued as a group should be placed under a subheading identifying the claims by number. A statement which merely points out what a claim recites will not be considered an argument for separate patentability of the claim.

(viii) Claims appendix. An appendix containing a copy of the claims involved in the appeal.

(ix) Evidence appendix. An appendix containing copies of any evidence submitted pursuant to 551.130, 1.131, or 1.132 of this title or of any other evidence entered by the examiner and relied upon by appellant in the appeal, along with a statement setting forth where in the record that evidence was entered in the record by

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the examiner. Reference to unentered evidence is not permitted in the brief. See 541.33 for treatment of evidence submitted after appeal. This appendix may also include copies of the evidence relied upon by the examiner as to grounds of rejection to be reviewed on appeal.

(x) Related proceedings appendix. An appendix containing copies of decisions rendered by a court or the Board in any proceeding identified pursuant to paragraph (c)(1)(ii) of this section.

2 An in-depth review indicates that the Appeal Brief that the following sections are missing from the Appeal Brief filed July 6, 2005:

(ix) "Evidence appendix ", as set forth in 37 CFR 41.37 © (1) (ix); and

(x) "Related proceedings appendix " as set forth in 37 CFR 41.37 © (1) (x);


3 APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO SUPPLY THE NECCESSARY COPIES WITHIN A TIME LIMIT OF ONE MONTH FROMTH DATE OF THIS LETTER OR WITHIN TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THE NOTICE OF APPEAL OR WITHIN TIME LIMIT ALLOWED FOR RESPONSE TO THE ACTION APPEALED FROM, WHICHEVER IS THE LONGER, TO AVOID DISMISSAL OF THE APPEAL. NO EXTENSION OF THIS ONE MONTH TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER EITHER 37 CFR § 1.136(a) or (b), BUT THE TWO MONTH PERIOD FOR FILING THE BRIEF MAY BE EXTENDED TO A MAXIMUM OF SIX MONTHS.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yogesh C. Garg whose telephone number is 571-272-6756. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F(8:30-4:00).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wynn Coggins can be reached on 571-272-7159. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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